GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TEA AUCTION CENTRE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to establish one office of the Tea Board and another Tea Auction Centre at Dibrugarh/Tinsukia districts to provide better facilities for the tea growers of these areas; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) & b): Tea Board is a Regulatory Authority to issue licences for Auction Centres to applicants who are willing to carry on the business of organizing, holding, conducting public tea auctions and who submit application to Tea Board under the provisions of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order notified by the Government in 1984 and in 2003. At present no application is pending before Tea Board. As regards opening up of Tea Board's Branch Office at Dibrugarh, there is a proposal to open the same during 11th Plan period.